

## UPDATED INFORMATIVE DIGEST

California submitted a Section 1115 Independence Plus Demonstration Project application on May 4, 2004 to provide aged, blind and disabled adults and children with self-directed personal care assistance and service delivery options. These services and options were available under the In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) program that has been operating since 1973. The IHSS program was to be eliminated from the State's budget effective July 1, 2004. California sought to preserve these self-directed services and options through the demonstration project option under the authority in Section 1115 of the Social Security Act. These self-directed services and options would enable certain participants to remain in their family residence or in their own homes and help to avert the need for higher cost institutional services.

On July 30, 2004, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Medical Care Services, approved this demonstration project as a Medicaid program. California will receive federal financial participation for these recipients who would have lost their services and options with the program cut. This new program is called the IHSS Plus Waiver program.

Senate Bill (SB) 1104, Chapter 229, Statutes of 2004, allows for the implementation of the IHSS Plus Waiver program in accordance with Welfare and Institutions Code Section 14132.951.

Existing California Department of Social Services (CDSS) regulations only allow for the IHSS and the Personal Care Services Program (PCSP). The addition of the IHSS Plus Waiver regulations will guide this new program and add the program into the general In-Home Supportive Services regulations, Manual of Policies and Procedures (MPP), Chapter 30-700.

These regulations were considered at the public hearing held May 17, 2006, in Sacramento, California, and as a result, only written testimony was received. At CDSS' discretion, a clarifying nonsubstantive change was made to Section 30-785(a)(1).